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WE are one in faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word of God. We are one in allegiance to Him as Head of the Church, and as King of kings and Lord of lords. We are one in acknowledging that this allegiance takes precedence of any other allegiance that may make claims upon us.

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## THE EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

#### A Beatitude for the Church

Happy is the church Which realizes that God's truth Is vaster than man's knowing,

Which has a reverent joy
In things known
And things not yet perceived,
Which holds old truth like burnished gold
And new insights like the joy of sunrise.

Its truth shall spread Like the glory of morning And its light shall shine In spite of all darkness.

Leland Foster Wood

#### The Anniversary of Our Religious Liberty

After a period of thoughtless acceptance of our traditional American liberties we have come upon days when we are more thoughtful and more appreciative. We Protestants should not let the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights pass without appropriate celebration.

Ratification was completed on December 15, 1791. Thus for a century and a half it has been established that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or pro-

hibiting the free exercise thereof." Before that time—during the period of earliest settlement—many had come to these shores at great sacrifice to find that liberty. Through all our history, even to this day, many have continued to come for that reason. It is an important characteristic of American life and policy.

This is the most essential of our freedoms. Significantly it stands first in order; the others follow,-freedom of speech, the press, assemblage and petition. It is the most essential because it deals with man's attempt to establish his fundamental relationships with the universe. The others are, in comparison, secondary; though when they are abridged, the first is jeopardized. The government, on behalf of community interest, may by due process of law restrict a man's freedom of action at many points. It may direct how he shall buy and sell. It may, under some circumstances, take his property. It may even take his life, if he destroys another's. But it may not tell him how he must worship, or that he shall not worship as he chooses.

Historically the explanation for this first clause in our Bill of Rights does not lie primarily in the argument of political expediency,—that imposed regulation would result in revolution. It was not a generous concession of the indifferent to the interests of religious groups. It lies, rather, in the conviction of those who would pay

the price of any hardship, even the surrender of life itself, to worship God as their consciences dictated.

Today, however, much of the talk about freedom of religion is in terms of its indispensability to democracy. This is important, but not so important as the concern of those who would defend the freedom in order that they may themselves take advantage of it. How many of us would pay the price of a concentration camp?

The denial of this freedom in many parts of the world today has led us to a fresh appreciation of our heritage. Our own freedom, however, will not be secure unless we increase the exercise of those privileges guaranteed us by the Bill of Rights. Empty pews and neglected churches are a strange commentary upon a people who cherish freedom of worship. Here again, as at so many points, our American democracy is strong only if it rests upon vital and active religion.

# Increasing Mutual Respect Between Science, Philosophy and Religion

Again the Conference on Science, Philosophy and Religion, founded last year, has demonstrated the possibility of fruitful collaboration by men of science, theologians, philosophers and men of letters. The 1941 session, held at Columbia University, September 8-11, was devoted to a consideration of the contribution of the several disciplines represented to the democratic way of life. The proceedings will be published shortly in book form. It is difficult to say which was the more noteworthy feature—the frank recognition of the interrelationship of different fields of learning and specialized research, or the cordial meeting of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish minds in an effort to further common human ends.

A marked disposition was shown by the scientists to accept a greater degree of responsibility for the enhancement of ethical values. Said Professor Haskins of Union College, after noting the distinguished achievements of science, "Yet where theology and sometimes philosophy have led the world in action as well as in thought

on many significant and at times revolutionary occasions, science has never actively done so."

Professor Hoagland of Clark University frankly stated that "many if not most, scientists are agnostics." Science, conceived as "merely the sum total of acceptable techniques for gaining evidence" has no equipment for appraising religious affirmations. But, Dr. Hoagland added, "I never expect to understand most of the things that I value most highly—the thrill of a sunset, of a symphony, or the love I have for certain persons."

In a brilliant paper Van Wyck Brooks raised provoking questions concerning many of our contemporary writers. "That a great writer," he said, "is a great man writing, not a mere artificer or master of words—is not this the fact that our time has forgotten?" The great man writing is one through whom "humanity breathes and thinks and sings."

Some excellent work was done in analyzing the Hebrew-Christian tradition in biblical, patristic and Talmudic times in terms of democratic ideas. An impressive feature of the conference was the erudition and thorough scholarship of the Catholic theologians. A group of Princeton faculty members submitted a vigorous statement, drafted by Professor Thomas, on "The Spiritual Basis of Democracy." One of the members of the group, Professor Greene, in a separate paper, offered this significant comment: "The hall-mark of spiritual maturity is the ability and the willingness to combine reflection and belief, individual initiative and cultural perspective."

A radical attack on the traditional individualism of Protestantism was made by Professor Ferré of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary. Christianity, he said, can never sanction a doctrine of "inalienable" or "natural" rights. It "knows nothing of the rights of individuals and groups over against the community as a whole." He was promptly accused of fascist leanings!

It was a stimulating and rewarding session, the proceedings of which will doubtless be perused with intense interest by many persons who in these parlous times still indulge in quiet thought.

#### Work for Church Women

The program of the Church has a full-time job for the women today. This fact became obvious at the meeting called to consider the place of church women in the emergency. The task of women was defined in terms of specific responsibilities and commitments. What women can do in the Church for men in the national services, in connection with community problems and in work for a better world was set forth in tangible terms.

The Findings of the meeting (excerpts from which appear on page eight of this issue of the Bulletin) outline the program with sufficient detail to enable the average woman in the average church to see tasks for herself which will require all the time she can devote to such activity outside her home. She will find absorbing interests.

The Church will be handicapped unless many more women devote substantial time to it rather than marginal time. It should not be regarded as "just another one" of those many community responsibilities. The Church is basic. probable that as time goes on, many women will find that the investment of effort and other resources made in the Church will be proved to be the soundest and the most rewarding in terms of solid satisfaction. The Church is relevant to the emergency. It is more than a source of inspiration and spiritual power to which to resort to regain strength to go out into the commendable enterprises of the secular world. It is also a channel through which to work to meet the problems of the secular world.

The relatively intangible tasks may be even more fundamental than those which have been emphasized here; but the women are more familiar with them. Our point here is that there is a concrete program for all the women in all the churches in this time of emergencies.

#### "One Foot in Heaven"

The producers of the new motion picture, "One Foot in Heaven," are receiving well-deserved plaudits in church circles. Here is a film, just issued from Warner Brothers' studio, which is glorious entertainment—sparkling with humor and packed full of human interest—and is at the same time a tribute to the Christian ministry and to the Church. In artistic quality it leaves nothing to be desired—Frederick March and Martha Scott see to that—and its spiritual influence comes close to matching its professional competence.

The story centers around the actual experiences of a Protestant minister and his wife, chiefly in small parishes where their devotion and their courage carry them triumphantly through the inevitable discouragements and vexations. The minister appears always as a man of virile personality, unselfish in his service of God and man. The mistress of the manse is a modern embodiment of Ruth, saying even when the minister is assigned to parishes lacking decent parsonages or cultural advantages, "Whither thou goest I will go; thy people shall be my people and thy God my God."

The final scene in the film is hardly less than amazing both in its simplicity and in its direct religious appeal: it is the sight of a great throng in the public square around the church singing

"The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her lord."

It is safe to say that millions of people will see this film and from it carry away a better impression of the Christian Church and its ministry. It is to be hoped that church members everywhere will see the film and commend it to their friends.

The *Christian Herald's* Advisory Committee has rendered a fine service in counselling the producers and the Federal Council's Commission on Public Relations has coöperated in the plans for the promotion of the film and the interpretation of its significance.

# On Religious Freedom in Russia

SHARP contrast between religious freedom as defined in the Soviet Constitution and religious freedom as understood in America was made by Dean Luther A. Weigle of Yale University, President of the Federal Council, in a public statement issued on October 5.

The statement made by Dr. Weigle is as follows:

"There is a vast difference between religious freedom in America and freedom of worship in Russia. The Soviet Constitution does not guarantee the same freedom for religion that it guarantees for anti-religion. Article 124, to which President Roosevelt referred, states that 'freedom of religious worship and freedom of anti-religious propaganda are recognized for all citizens.' This means, then, that the right of propaganda is recognized for the forces that oppose religion but not for religion itself, which is robbed of its proper means of defense.

"Religious freedom, as we have known it in America, includes not only freedom of conscience and of private worship but also at least these four rights: (1) freedom of assembly for worship; (2) freedom of organization for

the maintenance and spread of religion; (3) freedom of witness to the faith and of endeavor to persuade others to accept it; (4) freedom of religious nurture and of religious education of children and youth.

"The significance of Article 124 in the Soviet Constitution must be understood in the light of specific decrees of the Soviet Government. These forbid the teaching of religion to those under eighteen years of age. Moreover, the Soviet Government in its educational policy supports atheism as the accepted philosophy of the State. The result is that there is complete freedom for attack upon religion but no such freedom for the defense of religion.

"President Roosevelt's interest in religious freedom, as emphasized on several occasions, merits deep appreciation, but it is to be hoped that he will not be misled into assuming that the freedom which is guaranteed under the Russian Constitution has any real resemblance to the religious freedom which we have known in America. If he can help to interpret to Russia the meaning of religious freedom in the full American sense, he will earn the gratitude of all men of Christian insight and conviction."

# Unprecedented Communion Celebration

The depth of experience as well as in the extent of the observance, World-Wide Communion Sunday (October 5th) surpassed all previous celebrations, according to reports. The experience is an intangible which permits no computation; but if unsolicited testimony means anything it indicates that many Christians found in the service a new understanding of membership in the Church and a new realization of resources for living today. It is also obvious that many more churches and people participated, at least in this country and Canada, than ever before.

A rector from Connecticut writes: "I have been in this community for six years (almost). I am at present president of the local Ministerial Association of some thirty Protestant Churches and this is the first time I have seen practically all the Protestant Churches unite on some inter-church event or project. And they did it with not much urging officially from the Ministerial Association . . . . The results are certainly spiritually stimulating."

From West Virginia a pastor reports: "So far as I have been able to learn, the services in the Wheeling churches yesterday were unusually large for the Communion Service. My own Church was crowded to capacity and some chairs were necessary to seat all the people."

A California pastor writes: "We made much preparation, and were able to make of it a beautiful and most impressive service. I think it the most impressive in which I have ever had part, and the people almost universally so expressed themselves . . . The thought of 'World Communion,' when emphasized gives the people the feeling of a vast throng, a universal brotherhood. I think this very valuable. May it not be that so vast a throng thinking of Jesus and His love, will really do something toward dispelling this present poison and death which settles about us like a heavy cloud?"

At a U. S. Naval Training Station, according to the chaplain, "between five and six hundred men took communion." Another minister writes, "World-Wide Communion was a thrilling experience to me."

The Evening Telegram, of Toronto, Canada, reports that practically all Protestant churches observed the day and that "record congregations with thousands partaking of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper were reported by all denominations."

So run the reports from cathedrals, mission chapels, army camps, naval vessels, and from all denominations. And these are only from North America. Reports are slow in coming from the far corners of the earth, where the experience of fellowship is even more desperately a necessity.

# From the Heart of Europe

UT of Switzerland comes an inspiring letter of greeting. The signers include leaders who have recently been in Scandinavia, Germany, France and some occupied territories. Therefore the message may be assumed to come from many Christians in numerous countries. The letter follows:

Geneva, October 6, 1941

To the members of the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches.

Dear Friends,

The undersigned officers and staff-members of the Provisional Committee who have been meeting together in Switzerland desire to send fraternal greetings to their colleagues in other countries. As we meet to discuss the interests of the work which has been entrusted to all of us together our thoughts go back to the many ecumenical meetings in which we have collaborated with you. We feel very acutely the lack of opportunity for common counsel and fellowship and we long for the day when we may all meet again. In these circumstances it is however a very great consolation and encouragement, for which we thank God, that the bond which holds us all together, has proved so strong that neither physical separation nor international conflict can weaken it.

We have noted with deep gratitude that the cause for which our movement stands is today more truly alive in the hearts and minds of church members all over the world than it has been in less troubled times. Is it not an astonishing fact that after two years of war on such a vast scale we may not only continue our work but even develop it in many directions? Thus with regard to our own part of the world we may report that contacts are being maintained with most of the churches, that in the course of September and October our secretaries are visiting church leaders in six countries, that (during that same period) two important ecumenical study-conferences are being held, that the spiritual aid to prisoners of war is extended to new categories, that the work of our Press Service touches wider circles than ever, that the spiritual and material help to refugees is maintained and that our Geneva office has become the center of large-scale Bible distribution (on behalf of the American Bible Society) to the European countries. But more important still we may state that the ecumenical movement proves today a God-given instrument to help all churches in sharing in the great spiritual blessings which have come to the suffering and persecuted churches. Our friend and colleague Bishop Berggrav wrote recently: "The grace of God grows in the soil of the Militant Church." Our task is today to spread that message.

We mention these things in order that you may know that the ecumenical movement in Europe is truly alive and that in this dark hour of European history the Church is truly present as the representative of a Saviour who is the Light of the nations. We do not know whether Europe has a future. But we do know that the Church in Europe has a future.

You have been extraordinarily generous in the aid which you have given to the Geneva headquarters at a time when that center could not render all the services to other parts of the world which it could render in normal times. We realize what sacrifices this support has implied and we are profoundly thankful for the spirit in which it has been given. Certain gifts from occupied and belligerent countries have made us realize more deeply the extent of our own obligation. We have no hesitation in asking you to continue to back us up, for we believe that precisely in this decisive period of church history, a period of struggle but also of renewal and revival, the work of our movement may carry abundant fruit. We think very especially of the tremendous responsibility which the churches have in relation to the post-war reconstruction.

On our part we will carry on our work in such a way that it may increasingly become clear to church members and to the world at large that we live and work in fellowship with you in the Church Universal.

May our common Lord hold us together in His powerful hand.

Yours ever,

(Signed) Marc Boegner
Alphonse Koechlin
Charles Guillon
W. A. Visser 't Hooft
Hans Schönfeld
Nils Ehrenström

#### The Week of Prayer

The Week of Prayer Topics for 1942 have been prepared by Rev. Richard Davidson, D.D., Principal of Emmanuel College in Toronto. The general theme is "The Living God."

Eight Topics have been developed under the following titles for the week January 4-11, inclusive:

Sunday — The Living God

Monday — The Son of the Living God
Tuesday — The Spirit of the Living God

Tuesday —The Spirit of the Living God Wednesday—The Church of the Living God

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Thursday —The Book of the Living God

Friday —The Worship of the Living God

Saturday —A Day with the Living God

Sunday —God of the Beginning—God of the End

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## The Task of Church Women

HE following are excerpts from the very full findings sent to the representatives who attended the all-day meeting of church women called in New York City on October 6 by the Women's Coöperating Commission of the Council.

## What Church Women Can Do for Men in the Services

In coöperation with the chaplaincy,

Treat the men in the Services in a way which emphasizes the seriousness of the position to which they are called. Stop calling them "boys"; they are men undertaking heavy tasks. Beware of the psychological attitudes which make distinctions between regular army and navy men and those called through the Selective Service Act.

Keep track of the men who leave your congregations for the Army, Navy and the C.C.C. Find out about their transfers; send them church calendars; notify chaplains of church work they have done and may be willing to carry on in the camps. Notify the pastors in nearby churches about the men going to the camps. Encourage mothers to write cheerful, appreciative letters. Help to interpret to the men what their contribution to the community is by virtue of their being in the camps.

Understanding of attitudes toward conscientious objectors

The Selective Service Act of 1940 has established the status for a conscientious objector. A National Service Board for Religious Objectors has been set up, representing many of the churches. This board coöperates in the maintenance of 19 civilian public service camps in which there are approximately 1,000 religious objectors. The men in these camps are working on forestry, soil and water conservation, etc. The maintenance cost is approximately \$35.00 a month per man. The two important functions of church women in reference to conscientious objectors are:

- To understand and interpret the high-minded, sincere and often-times inspired point of view of these young men to those who do not understand.
- 2. To provide money for equipment for them. Money is needed for the maintenance of these men because the Government does not pay them as it does the men of the Army and Navy. These camps also lack tools and other proper equipment. There is said to be a need for warm clothing. Such help can be sent to the American Friends Service Committee, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

#### Functions of Church Women in Meeting Special Community Problems Made More Poignant During the Emergency

Racial Problems Related to the Defense Program

One of the most important measures of a Christian

democracy is the degree to which Negroes can participate fully in this "American way of life." (This may also be said of Jews, foreign-born, share-croppers and refugees.) The things they would like our help on, as church women, are:

- 1. Seeing that differences are decreased in the training of Negro and white young people in all types of defense activities.
- Working for increased employment opportunities for Negroes in the work for national defense.
- Creating public opinion which will make it possible for young Negroes in the Army and Navy to have a larger sphere of opportunities in these Services.
- Creating public opinion in camp communities which will make impossible the brutal treatment of Negroes by military police.

#### Shifting Populations in Defense and Industrial Areas

The great speed in trying to get our industrial defense program under way and the consequent speed in the allocation of contracts have created this great emergency, involving one and one-half million persons migrating to undertake this work. There is great need for church women to "be human," to call on these people, to find out what their needs are and then to organize themselves to try to meet those needs.

#### Church Women's Function in Helping to Build the Ecumenical Church during the Emergency

In the face of man's inhumanity to man, we have our greatest opportunity to reveal the genuine concern and care which Christians have for those who suffer from hate. Because there is so much to do and it is so difficult to make choices, the churches have established the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches. The following organizations are the ones which we are asked to support:

Church Committee for China Relief, 105 East 22nd Street, New York

Central Bureau for Relief of the Evangelical Churches of Europe, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York

American Friends Service Committee, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia.

International Missionary Council, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York American Committee for Christian Refugees, 165 West 46th Street, New York

War Prisoners' Aid Committee of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A., 347 Madison Avenue, New York

The Y.W.C.A. World Emergency Fund, 600 Lexington Avenue, New York

American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York

#### Church Women's Responsibility for a New World

It is one of the functions of women in life constantly to be considering the intangibles. The spiritual heritage which we received from the various branches of the Christian Church includes such things as freedom of speech, equality before the law, the yearning and working for a united Church, the emphasis on division of labor, on exquisite workmanship in handcrafts, and hospitality to Negroes and Indians. These and great numbers of other emphases encourage us to work for the new world.

Our function in the building of this new world is to make the most of this spiritual heritage which we have, to study and discuss with tolerance and to understand other people's points of view.

The highest point of this heritage upon which we build is that inner light, the inner spirit of man, the ultimate reality. Each day we must live in terms of eternity. We cannot undertake the great task of building for a just and durable peace unless we have communion with God through prayer and thus maintain at certain periods a detachment of the spirit from the tensions of the day.

The responsibility resting upon women for a new world is difficult and imperative but not impossible. As women, we believe in that saying, "In time of war, prepare for peace." It is women's special opportunity to:

- Form cells or small groups for study and discussion of the questions underlying the bases of a just and durable peace.
- Arouse ourselves and prepare other people for assuming the responsibilities and difficulties of establishing such a peace.

#### Cooperation in the Building of a "Spiritual Front"

In unity with God and with each other lies the strength of church women for their task of the bringing in of the Kingdom of God under strain and stress.

Many suggestions have been made as to what symbol we might adopt in this country which would call us each day to a new awareness of our unity and a new dedication to our most difficult and inevitable tasks. The plan has been proposed that at an hour, for instance six o'clock in the evening, throughout the American nation for a moment church bells should be rung calling all people to pray for the Kingdom of God and their part in it.

The hope has been expressed that nationally by radio for a moment at this hour chimes might be sounded across the airways. If this can be arranged, guiding prayers will probably be sent out by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to help in unifying us as we raise our hearts to God in dedication, offering ourselves as channels for His love to all people.

Copies of the complete Findings may be had for ten cents a copy from Anna E. Caldwell, Secretary of the Women's Coöperating Commission, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.

# Relief in Europe

N October 2 a delegation from the Federal Council of Churches conferred with Mr. Norman H. Davis, Chairman of the Board of the American Red Cross, concerning the problems of relief for the people in the occupied countries of Europe. The delegation from the Federal Council outlined its interest in terms of the statement formulated by the Executive Committee of the Council on September 19, as follows:

"The prospect of increasingly desperate hunger for millions of people, including helpless children, in the occupied nations of Europe during the coming winter impels the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to make a special appeal to the American Red Cross and the government of the United States to develop some plan for their relief. We are gratified at the recent announcement that the Red Cross has initiated a program of relief in Greece. We urge the extension of its work to other needy countries. We earnestly desire that a method of control be formulated which will at least provide milk and vitamins and some of the essentials of life without giving advantage to the invaders. We recognize the grave difficulties of such an undertaking, but the spirit of Christian sympathy will not allow us to rest content until every possible avenue of assistance has been fully explored. We instruct the officers of the Federal Council, in consultation with the joint Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals, to seek early conference with the officials of the American Red Cross

and of our government concerning practicable measures for the maximum relief that can be devised."

Mr. Davis emphasized the concern of the Red Cross over the situation and expressed the judgment that it is doing everything which is possible, within the limits of the national policy, to give relief. He commented especially upon the activities in France and in Greece. He also explained that the Red Cross is prepared to receive funds designated for relief in any area in Europe, provided the donors understand that there can be no guarantee that gifts will reach their designated destination.

While Mr. Davis held that a program of general feeding is not practicable in countries occupied by Germany, he felt that this does not preclude giving some help in the form of vitamins and medical supplies.

The churchmen who represented the Federal Council in the conference with Mr. Davis were: Dean Luther A. Weigle, of the Yale Divinity School, President of the Council; Bishop Adna W. Leonard, of the Methodist Church; Rt. Rev. Frank W. Sterrett, of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Rev. Leslie B. Moss, Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches, and Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary of the Council.

#### The National Christian Mission Continues

Another series of Christian Missions will be held during next January and February. Fifty in number, they will be conducted in twenty-seven states, sponsored by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council and the local councils of churches or ministerial associations. For the most part they will be held in communities having populations of 25,000 to 100,000. Heretofore these Missions have visited the great metropolitan centers of the nation, but this next series has been planned deliberately for the smaller communities.

Other Missions over the last six years have been held consecutively, a team of speakers going from one city to the other. This next year, several Missions will be held simultaneously during the same week.

The following is the uncompleted schedule—

January 4- 9-Watertown, N. Y.; Paducah, Ky.; Manchester, N. H.

January 11-16—South Bend, Ind.; Walla Walla, Wash.; Great Falls, Mont.; Lynchburg, Va.; Rock Island, Ill.; Moline, Ill.; East Moline, Ill.

January 18-23—Wheeling, West Va.; Ponca City, Okla.; Quincy, Ill.; Hannibal, Mo.; Keokuk, Ia.

January 25-30—Coffeyville, Kans.; Corpus Christi, Texas; El Paso, Texas; Utica, N. Y.; Johnstown, Pa.; San Jose, Calif.

February 1- 6—Decatur, Ill.; Clinton, Ia.; San Angelo, Texas; Bluefield, W. Va.; Lansing, Mich.; Mason City, Ia.; Springfield, Mo.

February 8-13—Vicksburg, Miss.; Norfolk, Va.; Boise, Idaho; Hagerstown, Md.; Beloit, Wisc.; Portsmouth, Va.

February 15-20—Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Salem, Ore.; Asheville, N. C.; Peoria, Ill.; Canton, O.; Madison, Wisc. February 22-27—Duluth, Minn.; Lima, O.

As we go to press, seven cities have not as yet decided upon their dates although they have made their decision to participate in the Missions. These cities are:

Tucson, Ariz.; Hutchinson, Kans.; Bartlesville, Okla.; Fresno, Calif.; Fargo, N. D.; Sioux City, Ia.; Altoona, Pa.

The theme of this next series of Missions is "Christ Has the Answer," a timely theme for critical hours.

#### Mutual's Radio Chapel

The Mutual Broadcasting Company on October 12 initiated a new series of religious broadcasts under the general title, "Mutual's Radio Chapel." This represents an important new development in the interpretation of religion over national networks.

The Protestant programs are to be broadcast with the coöperation of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The Federal Council's special responsibility will be to serve as a clearing-house in the nomination of speakers for those denominations which are granted facilities by the Mutual Broadcasting Company.

The new broadcasts are scheduled for each Sunday morning from 11:30 to 12:00 noon, Eastern Standard Time.

The schedule for November is as follows: November 2, Jewish Program; November 9, Lutheran Program; November 16, Catholic Program; November 23, Methodist Program; November 30, Episcopal Program.

#### Conferences on Consumers' Coöperation

A Regional Conference on Religion and Consumers' Cooperation at Swarthmore, Pa., was held Saturday, October 25, under the auspices of the Committee on the Church and Coöperatives of the Federal Council. Speakers from three faiths were: Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, chairman, Committee on the Church and Coöperatives, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America: Father John C. Rawe, associate director of the Institute of Social Order; and Rabbi Jacob K. Shankman, member of the Executive Board, Central Conference of American Rabbis. Murray D. Lincoln, president of the Coöperative League of the U.S.A., spoke on "Coöperative Economics and Christian Ethics." Addresses were also made by Roy F. Bergengren, managing director, Credit Union National Association; and Wallace J. Campbell, assistant secretary, the Coöperative League of the U.S.A. Delegates to the conference visited the thriving Swarthmore coöperatives to study co-ops in action and saw movies of the American coöperatives. The banquet Saturday evening was a full course dinner of Co-op foods.

Another regional inter-faith study conference will be held at Rome, N. Y., November 17, with one of the most impressive lists of speakers ever to appear at a regional conference. The conference itself is sponsored jointly by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, the Committee on Church and Coöperatives of the Federal Council of Churches, and the Social Justice Commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Speakers from the three faiths will be Rt. Rev. Msgr. Luigi G. Ligutti, executive secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference; Rabbi Jacob K. Shankman, Temple Israel, New Rochelle, N. Y., and James Myers, Industrial Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches. Murray D. Lincoln, president of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A.; and Miss Dora Maxwell, director of organization of the Credit Union National Association, will speak as well as Dr. H. E. Babcock, president, Coöperative Grange League Federation Products, Inc.; and Mr. Percy S. Brown, president, Consumer Distribution Corporation.



#### Study Aids on Bases of Peace

Among the tasks assigned by the Federal Council to its Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace were these: "To clarify the mind of our churches regarding the moral, political and economic foundations of an enduring peace; to prepare the people of our churches and of our nation for assuming their appropriate responsibility for the establishment of such a peace."

In partial fulfillment of these tasks, the Commission publishes, from time to time, certain documents for use in church study groups. The latest of these appeared last month under the title "Long-Range Peace Objectives." It consists in the main, of a statement by the Commission's Chairman, Presbyterian elder John Foster Dulles, read before a recent meeting of the Commission. The paper falls into two parts, one an analysis of the Roosevelt-Churchill Eight Point Declaration, the other a set of post-war proposals offered by Mr. Dulles. Although the statement as a whole was not acted upon by the Commission, and is thus not to be construed as an official pronouncement of the Commission, it was warmly recommended to the churches for their study.

To help make the document more usable to study groups, there is appended a summary of the questions raised by members of the Commission on hearing the paper read, and some topic suggestions for discussion groups.

"The Long-Range Peace Objectives" may be obtained from the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, 297 Fourth Ave., New York, at ten cents per single copy, including postage; five cents per copy plus postage in lots of 100 or more.

#### Hartford Ecumenical Seminar

The annual Carew Lectures at the Hartford Theological Seminary are to be held the week of November 24 to 28 with the Rev. Professor Adolph Keller, D.D., LL.D., as the Lecturer. On five successive afternoons he will discuss "The History and Theological Problems of the Ecumenical Movement."

In connection with this lectureship and under the joint sponsorship of the World Council of Churches, by its Provisional Committee, will be held an Ecumenical Seminar in the succession of the group meetings that have been held in various centers in Europe and America. This Seminar will consist of three morning discussion periods on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week and two special guest lecturers on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. These meetings are all open to the public and those who are interested may receive a syllabus of the lectures and discussions by writing to the Office of the Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn.

Dr. Keller has held professorships at the Universities of Geneva and Zurich and has been a prominent figure

at the recent Ecumenical Councils at Oxford and Edinburgh. Owing to the disruptions and dislocations of the war his work at Geneva is temporarily suspended and he is devoting some time to the development of the Ecumenical Movement in America. He holds honorary degrees from Edinburgh, Yale and Geneva Universities and Heidelberg College.

The guest lecturers on Wednesday and Thursday evenings will be, respectively, Dr. Henry S. Leiper, Associate Secretary of the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches, and Dr. Nels F. S. Ferré of Andover-Newton Theological School.

#### World Day of Prayer

The theme of the program for World Day of Prayer, February 20, 1942, is "I Am the Way," and materials are now ready for distribution. This year the program was prepared by a group of three women: a former teacher in Ginling College, China; a German who is the wife of a German pastor and who was confined with him in a concentration camp until recently and whose son is still in a concentration camp; and a French woman isolated here from her family in France. Out of this rich background of faith in the face of discouragement and dangers they have prepared this 1942 program. Program materials should be ordered as early as possible from The National Committee of Church Women, Room 63, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.

#### "The Circulation of the Bible"

Under the above title, *Information Service* for October 4, 1941, published by the Federal Council's Department of Research and Education, reviews the recently published 125th annual report of the American Bible Society, the latest revision of the New Testament by Catholic scholars, and the New Testament in "Basic English." Plans of the American Standard Bible Committee for the production of a revision by 1945 are described. The issue assembles pertinent information in regard to the various ways in which the Bible is used. Single copies are five cents each.

#### Bishop Nicholai a Prisoner

Word has lately reached America of the imprisonment in a German camp of Bishop Nicholai, one of the distinguished figures of the Serbian Orthodox Church. Bishop Nicholai is gratefully remembered by a host of American Christians who heard him speak when he visited this country in 1921 and again in 1927. His combination of mystical devotion and of intense concern for the welfare of his people has made him one of the great leaders in the spiritual life of Europe.

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The booklet contains a Sample Constitution for Councils with Voluntary Leadership and will be found helpful in expanding the services of ministers' associations, coun-

cils of religious education, councils of church women and councils of churches. The price is fifteen cents.

#### Cadman Memorial Service

On December 18 a city-wide memorial service in honor of the late Dr. S. Parkes Cadman will be held in Brooklyn, N. Y., at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. The service is under the auspices of the Cadman Memorial Committee, of which Dr. William E. Dudley is Chairman. representing the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths. Music will be furnished by the Apollo Club of Brooklyn and the speakers will be prominent representatives of the three faiths who will gather to commemorate the principles of inter-racial and inter-faith understanding and coöperation for which Dr. Cadman consistently worked during his long life. Dr. Cadman was President of the Federal Council of Churches from 1924 to 1928.

# · News of State and Local Cooperation.

#### New Developments in Three Cities

The Ministers' Association of Memphis, Tenn., met together on Monday, October 6, to consider the need for the forming of a council of churches in Memphis. This was followed by a representative gathering of Christian laymen at luncheon, where plans and activities of a local council of churches were outlined. These two meetings resulted in the authorization of the appointment of a special committee representing ministers and laymen to prepare a plan for a council to be submitted to the churches for their ratification and adoption.

The Ministerial Association of San Antonio, Texas, and the San Antonio Council of Church Women have jointly agreed to constitute a subcommittee to explore needs and outline plans through which the cooperative work of the churches in San Antonio can be strengthened. It is hoped that this study will lead to the forming of a San Antonio Association of Christian Churches.

The Annual Fellowship Luncheon of the Council of Churches was held at Hillsboro prior to the annual meeting. This luncheon was given by the Hillsboro Ministerial Association and the women's organizations of the Hillsboro churches, and was attended by the Council representatives, members of the Board of Finance, Board of Christian Activities, various committee members and their wives, ministers and lav representatives of the Hillsboro churches and other invited guests. Bishop Penick gave an address on the subject, "The Christian Church in the World Today."

#### Los Angeles Federation Acquires New Headquarters

The Church Federation of Los Angeles has completed the purchase of a twentyroom residence of brick and concrete construction located in one of the former highclass residential districts. This will become the permanent headquarters of the Church Federation and other allied united church bodies. The property is situated on an acre and a half of ground beautifully landscaped and includes an auxiliary building which is admirably designed as a chapel. In addition there is an ample garage and parking facilities for cars and other incidental equipment. The main building has spacious rooms on the ground floor with an estimated seating capacity of five hundred and is equipped with pipe organ and other features which provide an ecclesiastical atmosphere. The upper floor will be used for offices. The property originally cost \$150,000 and was secured by the Church Federation for a cost of \$17,500. This is already proving a stimulus to the united church movement in the city. The new address of the headquarters of the Church Federation of Los Angeles is 3330 West Adams Boulevard.

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#### Church Loyalty Crusade

The Oklahoma City Council of Churches staff will serve with the Ministerial Alliance in the promotion of the Church Loyalty Crusade set for October 5 to November 16. Four goals have been set for the Crusade with suggestions for their achievement: (1) Increase Church attendance over last fall 25%. (2) Increase Church School attendance 25%. (3) A renewal of family religion in the home with help for family devotions. (4) A substantial increase in church membership by profession of faith and transfer.

#### Council of Coöperating Churches in Iowa

The Council of Coöperating Churches, unofficially known as the "Three C's Association" is coming into prominence in the religious life of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and is being urged to define its responsibilities. For years certain projects have been carried in a united way for the churches and as a rule these united projects were called "union" efforts. As there was some criticism of the term "union," it was suggested that some organization be effected which could function in these so-called "union"

activities, resulting in the organization referred to as the "Council of Coöperating Churches." Gradually the people in Oskaloosa are coming to think of The Three C's as the "Voice of the Church,"-not denominationally but inter-denominationally. Any coöperative church project falls within the responsibility of this organization-Holy Week services, leadership training, religious education, etc. Representation in the Three C's consists of the minister with two lay-people (men or women) officially appointed from the coöperating churches. While there are many agencies in the community interested vitally in the religious life of the city, it is deemed wise to have these agencies related only as affiliated bodies rather than as members of the Asso-

#### Effort to Reach Unchurched of County

Proposals to make an organized effort to reach the unchurched in the Borough of Queens, New York, were adopted at a conference for the Queens Clergy held September 25th at the Russell Sage Presbyterian Church in Far Rockaway. The plan was drawn up by the Committee on Religious Education of the Queens Federation of Churches, Dr. J. Allison MacRury, Chairman. The county has been divided into eleven areas. In each area there are to be meetings, first of the clergy, and then of clergymen and laymen. At each meeting the proposals are to be presented and adapted to the needs of that particular section. Schools are to be set up to train workers in the meaning of Protestantism. Theological discussions will be avoided, but the workers will be made aware of the great Protestant heritage and the opportunities and responsibilities that are theirs. The real function will be stressed. The purpose is to make them think about a genuine commitment to God, real service to the Church and a definite part in the support of the Church.

#### Institute of Christian Service

The New Haven Council of Churches is sponsoring an Institute of Christian Service on seven Monday evenings from October 27 to December 8 under the auspices of the Committee on Religious Education. Professor Roland H. Bainton of the Yale Divinity School will give a series of lectures on The Story of the Christian Church, during the first five evenings of the Institute. Eight courses are to be given on the following subjects, Old Testament Prophets, Christian Worship, Guiding Beginners in Christian Growth, Guiding the Religious Growth of Primary Children and of Juniors, Guiding Youth's Approach to Religion, Guiding Youth Groups in Specific Projects and the Science of Leadership. Registrations will be received at the office of the New Haven Council of Churches, 53 Wall Street.

#### North Carolina Churchmen Hold Annual Session

At the annual meeting of the North Carolina Council of Churches the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, was elected president of the Council. Bishop Penick has long been interested in the interchurch work of the state and has, for the past year, served as chairman of the Executive Committee.

## Daily Religious Broadcasts

The schedule of programs sponsored by the Federal Council over the networks of the National Broadcasting Company for the month of November is as follows:

#### (Eastern Standard Time)

Sundays—November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick in "National Vespers." 4:00 to 4:30 P.M., WJZ and Blue Network.

Sundays—November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Dr. Ralph W. Sockman in "National Radio Pulpit." 10:00 to 10:30 A.M., WEAF and Red Network.

Mondays—November 3, 10, 17, 24: Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo in "Religion and the New World." 1:30 to 1:45 P.M., WJZ and Blue Network.

Tuesdays—November 4, 11, 18, 25: Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell in "Our Spiritual Life." 1:30 to 1:45 P.M., WJZ and Blue Network. Wednesdays—November 5, 12, 19, 26: Dr. William Hiram Foulkes in "Homespun." 1:30 to 1:45 P.M., WJZ and Blue Network.

Thursdays—November 6, 13, 20, 27: Dr. Francis C. Stifler in "The Light Shines in the Darkness." 1:30 to 1:45 P.M., WJZ and Blue Network.

Fridays—November 7, 14, 21, 28: Dr. Daniel A. Poling in "Opportunity." 1:30 to 1:45 P.M., WJZ and Blue Network.

Saturdays—November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Dr. Alfred Grant Walton in "The Call to Youth." 12:30 to 12:45 P.M., WEAF and Red Network.

Saturdays—November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk in "Religion in the News." 6:30 to 6:45 P.M., WEAF and Red Network.

# · Among the New Books ·

#### The Great Century

By Kenneth Scott Latourette

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In this fourth volume of the author's massive studies in "The History of the Expansion of Christianity," the great century is 1800-1914. In it Dr. Latourette, by more than implication, affords a study in the history of civilization as well as of religion, and the seven volumes doubtless constitute the most extensive effort in Christian history.

In this century we have, following reverses in the eighteenth century, the age of the greatest geographic spread of Christianity, in a new burst of religious life, primarily in Protestantism, and the author finds himself called upon to devote as much space to it as to the preceding eighteen centuries.

Dr. Latourette characterizes the movements in civilization in the midst of which this expansion took place. In the main they "furthered more than they retarded" it. He follows this with analyses of the new movements "within Christianity" through which it was accomplished, revealing the essential unity of Christian history and that of a Christian civilization. The processes, in which "Protestants had a larger share than Roman Catholics," were through Christian movements, more in number than in the entire preceding portion of the Christian era, all of a missionary character.

In Europe Christianity had its greatest vitality and potency, while in the United States new frontiers were established, the immigrant influx was in process of assimilation, and the new environment showed its effect on Christian life and institutions; the race problem was challenged, shifting populations and changing social conditions, the secularizing of education and other great issues were courageously faced. Taken as a whole, it could not be said that Christianity was losing ground.

In all this, it was "the particular strains of British Protestantism which tended to stand out," and Protestant Christianity was a "major factor" in shaping the ideals of the United States. Reforms of many kinds were attempted, a "peace" movement began, all as parts of "the social gospel movement." The clergy played influential roles in political life and, "that Christianity had a profound effect upon the life of the United States is indubitable."

In all this life, environment was affecting Christianity, which "tended to be activistic and to devote little attention to profound theological thought." Unity and union movements appeared and finally, in 1908, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and several associated bodies, while at the same time new denominations were established.

In conclusion, the nineteenth century revealed "unequalled expression of the vitality inherent in the Christian faith," and this was "most pronounced in Protestantism" which became less a political and more a religious institution.

A heartening and reassuring volume for this moment, which leads one to look forward with keen anticipation to the three which are to follow. C. S. M.

#### Christian Realism

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Professor Bennett's gift of lucid analysis is revealed at its best in his treatment of pacifism, which is taken as a case-study of the role of Christians in society. The value of the Christian pacifist's personal witness to the ethic of love is gratefully recognized. But there is also the recognition that Christian love "cannot be fully realized in a world of sin" and that to put



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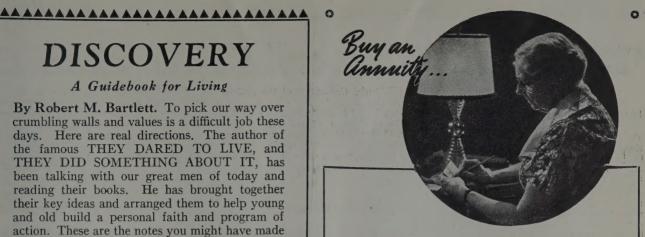
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